

# CRESSONA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag. Called to order by Linda Walinsky, Council President.

**Roll Call:** Council President, Linda Walinsky, Council Vice President, Mike Pascuzzo, Council Members Michelle Blankenhorn, Jennifer Wanamaker, Sofia Mabry, Mayor Sandi Renninger, Regina Sonon, Secretary Treasurer, and in Eric Prock's absence Rick Day attended the meeting.

**Citizen Participation:** No Participation at this time.

**Girl Scout Recognition:** Linda addressed council and the audience about the senior Girl Scout's Gold Award accomplishment. Linda and Sofia presented Girls Scouts each with a certificate of appreciation. The following seniors were recognized for their tireless effort and creative vision and for the measurable difference they have made here in Cressona: Rachel Moyer, Faith Krammes, Elizabeth Krause, Abby Bassininsky, Megan Bassininsky, Mazie Schaeffer, Piper Reinhart, Emma Hulsey, Lily Fenstermacher.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** An error was found in the Roll Call section; Eric was listed as attended but it was Rick Day. With the correction noted a motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Mike to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 30. All Ayes

**Municipal Bills:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn approving the bills paid from April 1 through 20. All Ayes

A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to pay the bills dated April 20. All Ayes

**Requisitions:** #376 A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to approve the purchase from the Traffic Safety Store – 6 Event Ahead signs at a cost not to exceed \$505.50. All Ayes

## **Old Business:**

1. Borough Fee Schedule Update – Storage Pods
  - a. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Jenn to adopt a new fee schedule. All ayes.
  - b. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to amend the dumpster ordinance with the following changes: Include storage pods in the language; Increase the dumpster permit fee to \$25 on private property and \$75 on a public street; restrict the length of time a dumpster can be on a public street to 2 weeks and on private property 6 weeks. All ayes.

## **New Business:**

1. River Street – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Michelle to purchase temporary speed humps and signage not to exceed \$5,000. All Ayes
  - Residents from Wilder Street attended the meeting to request relief from the speeding on their street. Council will look to find a resolution beginning with a traffic study if PennDOT is agreeable and reaching out to the State Police.
2. Pool RFP – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to advertise the RFP in local newspapers, online through the borough website, BMRC and Cressona Cares Facebook page. All ayes.
3. A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by Sofia to appoint of Jenn Wanamaker to Cemetery Commission. All Ayes
4. Cressona Strategic Plan – Linda and Regina to meet with Jonas L. Crass II, Local Government Policy Specialist, to help provide guidance as to how to put a strategic plan together and fund it. Linda requested council members and staff to start thinking about our town and what you'd like to see in the future. She also mentioned available grant require a strategic plan in place to apply.
5. The Grove
  - a. motion was made by Sofia and seconded by Mike to purchase additional security camera through Garland Communication not to exceed \$794. All Ayes

- b. motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to have KleanKut remove dead trees at a cost of \$3500. All Ayes
6. Sanitation property liens – Regina will send necessary paperwork to Eric to place liens.
7. LTAP Traffic Calming Seminar – 300 Wade Rd, St. Clair, Thursday, May 7, 7:30 am to 3 pm - Linda will be attending if anyone else is interested please let Regina know and she will sign you up.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mayor:** nothing at this time.

**Solicitor:** No update was provided.

**Engineer:** Please review the Engineer's Report. Road Project bids will be reviewed at the May 18 meeting. Linda asked Steve if we could start looking into the refuse contract in an effort to get the best options for the residents? Will include on the next agenda.

**Secretary/Sanitation:** Liquid Fuels money has been received. Talked to Clay Leibold about the location of the propane of the tank.

**Finance and Property:** Council received the 2025 Budget Year to Date and the 2026 Budget Quarter to Date; any questions please reach out to Linda.

**Highway:** Public Works attended a Seal Master demonstration and learned about a seal coating application that will save the borough money. They are also willing to participate in a demonstration here in the borough for neighboring municipalities.

**Recreation:** BMRC will meet with Frank and Jesse prior to the start of the summer Rec program. Frank said we will need to order engineered wood chips for the all the playgrounds.

**Safety:** Nothing at this time

**Personnel:** Linda requested an executive session with action to follow.

**Fire Chief:** 7 calls in March, working on the ISO's for the borough.

**Code Enforcement:** Working through numerous violations and complaints.

**COG:** Next meeting is in May

**Public Works:** Discussed earlier.

**Cressona Cares:** Chicken barbeque on May 9. There will be some giveaways soon, so watch your Facebook. We're celebrating America 250, Saturday, July 18, starting with a fun run/walk a 2.50 km Splash dash for the pool. And at the end of the race, the Cressona Band is playing; Then we move to a front street for a block party with bands all day, car show, motorcycle show, kid's activities and country line dancing. A Penn State student has joined as a marketing intern to help Sofia do all the marketing; her name is Emily Lascala. We are also collecting baskets for a basket raffle for the day of the event as an additional fundraiser. If you haven't already joined the Cressona Cares Facebook page please do. Michelle announced she is in the process of getting a route for a poker run for the fall.

**Citizen Participation:** Mr. Oliver: May 18 is primary election day.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to enter Executive Session at 7:39 pm with potential action to follow. All Ayes

**A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to offer part time laborer Michael Chadwick a full time 40 hour a week laborer position at his current salary. All Ayes**

A Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Jenn to exit executive session at 7:53 pm. All Ayes

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Sofia to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. All Ayes.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 18 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Sonon

Secretary/Treasurer